(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) There is no proposal to wind up Airports Authority of India. AAI was constituted by an Act of Parliament and came into being on 1.4.95. The Airport Authority Act was amended in 2003 to *inter-alia* provide for definition of "private airports" and exclusion of such airports from the purview of the Act except for Air Traffic Services and Security. AAI will continue to manage airports (except the private airports), civil enclaves and aeronautical stations. It will also provide Air Traffic Services and Security to the private airports.

Autonomy to IA and AI

2112. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking of providing functional autonomy and a level playing field to Indian Airlines and Air India with the Aviation Sector showing signs of revival;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the equity of Air India and Indian Airlines to make them more viable;

(c) whether Government are looking at merging the operations of Indian Airlines and Air India in the long term; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to synergise their operations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Both Indian Airlines and Air India have functional autonomy to plan their operations to effectively compete with other airlines.

(b) The question of increasing the equity base of these airlines is linked to the aircraft acquisition proposals of the two airlines.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal to merge the operations of the two airlines at present.

Air Services from Lucknow Airport

†2113. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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(a) the status of Lucknow airport the destinations for which flights take off nationally as well as internationally from this airport;

(b) whether Government have made any network to link the same with all the State capitals;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) At present, flights take off from Lucknow Airport to Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Gorakhpur & Allahabad within India and Jeddah in Saudi Arabia, Dubai & Sharjah outside India.

(b) to (d) Airlines provide air services to specific places including State capitals depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject to route dispersal guidelines issued in this regard.

Unfair Trade Practices

2114. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases relating to unfair trade practices received and disposed off during the last two years;

(b) whether many cases are still pending for disposal;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when those cases will be disposed off?

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) and (b) During the year 2002 and 2003 the following number of unfair trade practices cases were registered and disposed off by the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices (MRTP) Commission:

	2002	2003
Cases pending at the Beginning of the year	654	591
Registered during the year	106	47
Disposed off during the year	169	105
Pending at the end of the year	591	533